

Michigan Mirror

LANSING, Feb. 17.—Michigan's liquor control problem is like the mercury in a thermometer: One day state control rises to public acceptance and favor; the next day it drops sharply as some development incurs popular criticism.

It is never static; always in flux. Here are some recent developments in the ever-constant problem:

1. Figures compiled by state police show that automobile accidents due to drinking increased more than 40 per cent in 1937. In Detroit the liquor cause of accidents is declared by safety authorities as being a major factor in the 1937 auto deaths.

2. Extension of the closing time of liquor-selling establishments from 2 to 4 a. m. is favored by Police Supt. Fred W. Frahm of Detroit. Frahm revealed that 4,292 Detroit blind pigs paid Uncle Sam internal revenue taxes totaling \$4,426 in 1937.

"Give us a later closing time and we'll exterminate the blind pigs," declared Frahm to a legislative committee studying control abuses.

3. Private liquor clubs in so-called "dry areas" face permanent closing after May 1. Under the state's revised liquor law, Attorney General Raymond Starr ruled that private clubs in towns whose doors are closed in towns whose

officials or voters had limited the serving of intoxicants to beer and wine.

Unforeseen by legislators, the ruling dealt a knockout blow to the legislators' favorite, the "dry" rendezvous, the Tally-Ho club, situated less than two blocks from the Statehouse.

Owners of private clubs, organized into a state association, demand reconsideration by the legislature. Sales have declined sharply due to unemployment spread. Prices were hiked 15 per cent by the legislature to provide approximately \$3,000,000 a year additional state revenue—money to be pigeon-holed for use of hospital improvements. With liquor sales falling off and the liquor stock inventory at an almost all-time peak, payment of the three millions will merely add to the strain of a mounting state deficit for the current fiscal year.

4. Beer Gardens

5. When girls leave home and go wrong—in beer gardens, the press finds a familiar theme for front page news. Detroit citizens learned of the sinful conditions existing in the motor metropolis' beer gardens where beer and dancing provide the formula for good times.

While welfare leaders demanded reform, the liquor control commission advanced the belief that Detroit had too many licensed establishments. Maybe prohibiting dancing in places where liquor was served would solve the whole matter, other gals around town? . . . It's tough to get without one.

6. The result was a state ruling prohibiting the admission of minors into a beer-dance establishment.

What next? Well, there'll be new complications tomorrow. That much is inevitable.

State Paternalism

The \$3,000,000 legislative item for hospital improvements, budget method, brings to the fore the perplexing problem of the budget deficit at Lansing.

Whereas the administration one year ago was insistent that the budget be balanced, today it is contending privately that a deficit appears inevitable. With unemployment relief reappearing as an urgent necessity, the state government is turning to the question of how to raise additional money for welfare needs, rather than how to spend less money.

Governor Frank Murphy has indicated repeatedly that he may call a special session to authorize expenditure of more state money for welfare purposes.

According to State Treasurer Edmund Fry, "State paternalism has its limits."

Treasurer Fry recently pointed out that the legislature in 1937 administered \$18,000,000 in the red and that the public has one or two alternatives to escape this alarming deficit:

"We either must give serious thought to the desirability of increasing the sales tax rate or the adoption of some new tax, or we must make up our minds that the State Government cannot continue the support of the local communities to the extent of the degree of the past and present. The books simply won't balance."

Straits Bridge

The visit of President Roosevelt to Michigan next fall on the occasion of the dedication of the International bridge from Port Huron to Sarnia is reviving agitation to construct a bridge over the Straits at Mackinac.

As the president's yacht will visit Mackinac Island, you may expect now to hear more in 1938 about the Straits bridge than you did in 1937.

Prof. James H. Cissel, University of Michigan, believes the plan of linking the two peninsulas is feasible, practical, and sound. The traffic is increasing at the rate of over 22 per cent annually, and will before long—probably at the time the bridge is completed—reach a total of one million cars each year," Professor Cissel points out.

"The number of vehicles, paying tolls at the present ferry rates, is estimated at the structure in 30 to 40 years."

The facts that the bridge would be financed by bonds paid by tolls at present ferry rates and would stimulate greatly travel in North-Michigan are two reasons why the Straits bridge idea will continue to grow in popularity.

Not C. C. Scandal

The absence of scandal from operation of the C. C. C. Camps is remarkable in many ways. Members of both major parties display enthusiastic favor to the "New Deal" program. The idea of continuing this conservation work in Michigan. Because the state leads all other states in tourist income, improvement of our recreational resources—forests, lakes and parks—of paramount importance to Michigan. Hence the C. C. C. work is of great value to Michigan than to many other states.

An average of 66 camps were operated in Michigan in 1937. More than 87 million trees were planted. 44 million fish stocked in streams, 65 bridges built, 20 fire lookout houses built, and 105,000 man-hours spent actually fighting forest fires.

No wonder Michigan is "sold" on the value of the C. C. C. Camps! Nothing but a financial scandal will change popular opinion on this outstanding service of our federal government.

Not Worth Misch

Boston Globe: A Vermont pastor of the old school who lived many years ago met one of his parishioners on Monday morning who had been absent from church for several Sundays. "I haven't seen you in church for some time," said the preacher. "No, Parson, I've lost my religion."

BACK FENCING

By A MAN ABOUT TOWN

"Food" is over, we suppose that we folks can settle back to some quiet living until something else turns up to attract our attention. We think the people residing outside of Birmingham were a lot more excited about the high water in our town than were the folks who live here. Those pictures in the Detroit newspapers caused a lot of Detroiters to think that we were going around in row boats out here. One friend called on the phone and asked if we were "swamped" over in our neighborhood. The Grand Trunk Viaduct would have made a swell swimming hole—if the weather had been warmer.

And—the folks who have gone south are still rubbing it in! We just received a card from Laura Connelly down at Hollywood, Florida, on which she said, "The weather is just perfect . . . and the moon is wonderful". Can you imagine sitting out of doors looking at the moon during these February evenings up here in Michigan? Some folks are just too lucky.

Ed Whitney, formerly Managing editor on the Eccentric, and now on the publicity staff of the Detroit Edison Company in Detroit, is going around thanking his lucky stars that he INSISTED that his wife get a driver's license before she did any more automobile driving. She received her permit to operate a car on the day BEFORE she had a smash-up with another car in Detroit. She was a lucky girl . . . she HAD her driver's license! How about you other gals around town? . . . It's tough to get without one.

Another local lad has stepped up the ladder of success in his chosen field of endeavor. Myron Collins, who got out with the Ridley Cleaners as a driver, and then moved up to Oakland County Sales Manager, has just been named General Sales Manager of the Ridley organization. That's a fine bit of advancement, and from our observation, we feel sure that he is entitled to it and will make good in a big way. Mr. F. W. Donaldson, Jr., Vice-President of the Ridley Organization, will take over Mr. Collins' work in this area, and we have been told that he too is a mighty likeable fellow who should make many friends out in our neck of the woods.

If you call 2500, which is Wilson Drug's number and have someone answer the phone and say, "Cunningham", don't be deflated as we were the other day. We were sure we had the right number, but could not figure out why we should have Cunningham on the wire. We found out that the rosy checked lad who cavorts around the Wilson store answering to the name of "Bud" has a "last name" . . . and it IS Cunningham.

Local merchants in the North Woodward section are busy explaining to their customers that the parking lot at the corner of Willits is a private lot and that the fee, being collected for parking thereon is not being collected by them. They hope, it is said, to take over the lot and restore Free Parking on the corner for the convenience of local shoppers.

Commercial Refrigeration salesmen have been doing their stuff out here lately. Both Sfive Brothers Market and The Birmingham Fruit Co. have installed fine new "boxes" for the protection of their meats. They are all a shiny white, and are very nice to look at but VERY cold to visit in. Business is NOT so bad in Birmingham, from all appearances.

Joe Eley, over modern however, as about all he has to do about it is to press a button and let the results of modern invention do the work. If you ladies would like to see Joe do his stuff, just drop in with a bundle of laundry and "LET JOE DO IT". We've been told that he really turns out a "mean washing" . . . and does it with the greatest of ease.

And now we hear that the Rev. W. Hamilton Aulenbach is leaving these parts for his old stamping grounds in Philadelphia. We are sure that a lot of folks will agree with us that the community is losing a mighty fine fellow and a darn good parson. We have always enjoyed his preachings, stories, words of cheer and his happy, optimistic slant on life. Things were never quite as bad as some folks would have them to be when "Ham" was around to spread his "Clark Gable" smile and give that "lift" which always comes when a "Friend O' Man" pats you on the back and says things which cheer you up and make you think more cheerful thoughts. We've heard factory workers, school men, business and professional men, men from all walks of life say, "He's a good guy", and that, we believe is a swell thing to have said about one's self, regardless of who or what you might happen to be.

And so, while thinking of men like Aulenbach, we might close by reminding you who happen to be reading this "Back Fence Chatter", that the fellow who enjoys his fellow men: who can step off the beaten path of life and encourage others to do bigger and finer things; who can and does extend his hand in friendly greeting to persons in every plane of society, whether he be a laborer with soiled hands or an intellectual whom everyone recognizes as being an important individual: The fellow who is genuinely human . . . THAT fellow will be known wherever he may be, and he WILL be called, "A GOOD GUY".

SORRY, MA! I'VE GOT TO SEE A MAN—LOOK IN THE YELLOW PAGES OF THE TELEPHONE DIRECTORY UNDER CARPET CLEANERS

Bowling Scores

Wermuth League

Team No. 3	W	L
Team No. 2	19	13
Team No. 1	17	19
Team No. 4	12	24

American Legion League

Team No. 3	W	L
Team No. 4	25	14
Team No. 2	17	22
Team No. 1	17	22
Team No. 2	15	24

House League

Milks Service	W	L
Pfeffers Beer	34	21
M. Cox	28	29
E. & B. Steine	27	30
Kirch R. E.	25	30
Orpheum Rec.	25	32
High scores: Milks Service	974;	
D. Jewell	224.	

Ladies League

Davidsons	W	L
Aldrich	37	23
Mullholland's	32	28
McWells	31	29
Winningham's	27	33
Parks Coal	21	39

Leonard Electric League

Team No. 4	W	L
Team No. 8	12	6
Team No. 7	11	7
Team No. 10	10	8
Team No. 2	8	10
Team No. 6	8	10
Team No. 1	8	10
Team No. 3	6	12
Team No. 5	6	12
High games: Team 8, 845; Team 8, 2459; Watson, 234; Watson, 692.		

Junior League

B'ham Rec. Jrs.	W	L
Serbs Candies	31	17
Bitter's Beer	31	24
Detroit Creamery	31	20
Stroh's	27	28
E. & B. Jrs.	27	30
Marshall's Mkt.	25	34
Olmsted & Wood	12	45
High Games: B'ham, Recreation Juniors, 860; M. Thompson, 369.		

Merchant's League

Sherman's	W	L
Geebel's	17	17
Stroop's	14	20
Clawson Oil	20	25
Dixie Diner	28	36
F'ham. Eccentric	28	28
Ted's Cafe	19	35
Guardian Bank	13	41

How About Water Cars?
L. Hartford Courtant: "Don't ever go in swimming after a big dinner," cautioned Stew Pidd, the office cut-up.
"Why not?" somebody wanted to know.
"Accounto you won't find it there," cackled Stew.

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